

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You can heal me."

11 February 2024

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Mission Statement

Grounded in the gospel of Jesus Christ through liturgy, Eucharistic worship and outreach, St. Joseph's Parish calls the faithful to an active involvement in parish life and responsible participation in extending Christ – like values to the wider community.

Liturgy Schedule

Weekend

Saturday: 5:15 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Weekday

Monday 5:15 p.m.
Tuesday 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.
Thursday 9:00 a.m.
Friday 5:15 p.m.

Holy Hour and Divine Mercy Prayers

Monday and Friday 4:00 p.m.

Sacraments

Baptism

Sunday after the 11:00 a.m. Mass – Registration required, please contact the Parish.

Confession

Monday, Friday & Saturday 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Marriage

Six months' notice is required, as well as a Marriage Preparation Course. Please contact the Parish.

Anointing

Please contact the Parish.

Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (closed 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.)

Parish Organizations

Parish Finance Committee
Parish Pastoral Council
Catholic Women's League

Knights of Columbus, 11670
Lectors
Eucharistic Ministers
Ministry to Sick & Homebound

Ministry to Seniors (Cards)
Ministry at Extendicare
Ushers
Sacristans
Culture of Life
Social Justice & Outreach
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Junior Liturgy
Sacramental Preparation
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Youth Group
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Introduction

We cannot work miracles, but the miracles of Jesus are there to teach us something about what we can do. The meaning of the miracle is in what Jesus says, when asked by the leper to heal him. Jesus says, "I want to."

First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

There are always people who are excluded, but Christ is the great uniter.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11.1

There is no action too trivial to offer to the glory of God.

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

The harshness of the law excluding lepers prepares the way for the mercy of Christ.

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Father Cosmas' Reflection

Remembering and praying for the sick

World Day of the Sick serves as an annual reminder of the profound challenges faced by individuals grappling with illness, infirmity, and suffering across the globe. This solemn occasion prompts deep reflection on the myriad facets of human health, the experiences of those afflicted, and the collective responsibility to foster compassion, support, and accessible healthcare for all.

In the midst of adversity, World Day of the Sick also celebrates the resilience, courage, and indomitable spirit of individuals confronting illness. It honors the tireless efforts of healthcare professionals, caregivers, and volunteers who labor tirelessly to alleviate suffering, provide comfort, and restore hope. Their unwavering dedication serves as a beacon of light amidst the darkness, exemplifying the transformative power of compassion and solidarity in the face of adversity.

Today's Gospel passage recounts a poignant encounter between Jesus and a leper, offering profound insights into themes of compassion, healing, and the transformative power of faith. In this passage, a leper approaches Jesus, imploring him to heal his affliction. Despite societal taboos and the risk of contamination, Jesus is moved by the man's plea and reaches out to touch him, declaring, "I am willing; be cleansed." In the footsteps of Jesus, may we also be moved to honor the inherent dignity and worth of every individual, embodying the timeless imperative to "heal the sick, feed the hungry, and comfort the afflicted."

As we mark World Day of the Sick, let us reaffirm our commitment to building a future where access to quality healthcare is not a privilege but a fundamental human right. Let us strive to cultivate a culture of empathy, solidarity, and support, where no one is left to suffer in silence or solitude.

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 12 February

5:15 p.m. Deceased Members of the Kilpatrick Family – Jocelyne & Gerhard Freundorfer

Tuesday, 13 February

9:00 a.m. Gemma Grenier Lessard – Nicole & Leandre Grenier

Wednesday, 14 February

9:00 a.m. Grace Neddow – Jerry & Annetta Pattenden

10:30 a.m. School Mass

5:15 p.m. Walter Nuvoloni – Mary & Herman Overvelde

Thursday, 15 February

9:00 a.m. Blanche McCann – Marilyn Riopelle

Friday, 16 February

5:15 p.m. Jeannine Quincey – Marie Alderson

Saturday, 17 February

5:15 p.m. Kevin Mulrooney – Angus & Grant Marguerite

Sunday, 18 February

9:00 a.m. Phillis Garofalo – Nuvoloni Family

11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

To join our online Mass each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. visit www.stjosephskingston.ca.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

You are asked to remember in prayer those recently deceased especially Avelina de Guzman.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Please remember in your prayers the following: Marcus Hacault; Brenda Camp; Joanne Senlon; Donna and Joe V.; Mary Jackson; Raymond Doyle.

If there are members of your family or friends who are ill or recently died, and for whom you wish prayers, please contact Susan at the parish office at 613-547-5004.

OUR PARISH

2023 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS are available this weekend weekend February 10-11, income tax receipts will be at the main entrance of the church for pick-up after Mass. Remaining receipts will be mailed out on February 16, 2024.

SCREENING COMMITTEE NEW COORDINATORS

St. Joseph's Parish has new coordinators for our Screening Committee. Thank you to Colleen Purcell and Eric Bennett for volunteering to help us with this very important role in our Parish. Colleen and Eric are in the process of updating our volunteer files and in the coming months will be reaching out to our volunteers, your cooperation is appreciated.

This week's bulletin is sponsored by:



BILL S-210 – PROTECTING YOUNG PERSONS FROM EXPOSURE TO PORNOGRAPHY ACT - CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE

Studies reveal that the age of first exposure to Pornography is 11 years. Pornography normalizes sexual violence against women and perpetuates addictive behaviour among youth. Bill S – 210 would make it an offense for organizations to allow the young access to sexually explicit material on the internet. The Bill would require the implementation of meaningful age verification on websites. In Parliament Bill S – 210 has received 3 reading in the Senate and has had 2 readings in the House of Commons. As of now the Bill has been referred to Committee. With Parliament now in session we need to urge our MPs to pass the Bill into law. The Catholic Women’s League will have a Petition at all doors of the Church at all Masses February 17 & 18 that you can sign. Please protect our Young People.



MUSICAL AFTERNOON On Thursday, March 7, 2024, from 1:00-3:00 p.m., the Social Committee of St. Joseph’s Pastoral Council will provide an afternoon of musical entertainment, featuring Chris Murphy, Jon

McLurg, Noah St. Amand and Jess Wedden (of Turpin’s Trail), for those who are Irish and for those who “wish they were.” Light refreshments will be served in the parish hall. A free-will monetary offering would be appreciated, proceeds for Birthright Kingston.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS HELLO TO ALL PARISHIONERS... Our CWL Spring Bake Sale is happening NOW, so come on back into the Parish Hall after Mass for sweet treats baked just in time for Valentine's Day! This Bake Sale helps us to raise funds that are used to help our local charities and community-based events. Thank you for all your generous support! The CWL **General Meeting** is on Monday, February 12 at 7pm in the Parish Hall, we are welcoming all new members.



CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY To help you prepare for our Parish Consecration to the Holy Family for the next 7 weeks, we will include in the bulletin a brief reflection.

Week 3: Renew our Baptismal Promise and make the sign of the Cross with Holy Water.

Keep a bottle of Holy Water at home and bless yourself with Holy Water daily.

For a booklet outlining the 7-day Preparation for Family Consecration and to register contact the parish office.

EVENINGS OF RECOLLECTION Wanting to live your faith joyfully in your daily life at home and at work? Come be inspired by the teachings of St. Josemaria Escriva, founder of Opus Dei (opusdei.ca). Newcomers of all ages are welcome. Stay for a bit, or join us for the whole time. For more info contact Irene at 613-549-7421. **Recollection for**

Women: Tuesday, Feb. 20 7-9pm at St. Joseph's Church. **Recollection for Men:** Wed. Feb. 21 7-9pm at St. James Chapel, St. Mary's Cathedral.

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE IN OTTAWA A bus will leave Kingston for the National March for Life on Thursday, May 9th, 2024, from St. Joseph’s parking lot at 392 Palace Road at 7:00 am to arrive on time for Mass at St. Patrick’s Basilica, 220 Kent St. at 10 am. The cost is \$25.00 per person. For more information about the March, see www.campaignlifecoalition.com and click on March for Life. You can reserve your seat by registering in person with Susan at St. Joseph’s Parish Office Monday-Friday 8:30 am-12noon and 1:00 pm-4:30 pm OR by e-transfer at kingstonmflbus@proton.me

OUR COMMUNITY

LENTEN FAITH SHARING SERIES Wednesdays, February 14 - April 3, 2024; 7:00 pm Our Lady of Lourdes Parish (490 Days Road, Kingston ON) All are invited to a weekly faith-sharing series during Lent. Starting after Ash Wednesday evening Mass on Feb 14th. For one hour each evening, we will pray, read a Gospel passage, watch a short video then discuss in small groups. For more information, please contact Karl Kadwell (613-888-7824) or Matej Goc (matejgoc@gmail.com).

TAKE HEART: BY HIS WOUNDS WE ARE HEALED (LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY) Saturday, March 2, 2024; 9:00 am – 5:30 pm Metro Toronto Convention Centre (North building) This year the Lift Jesus Higher Rally (LJHR) features healing services for Youth and for Adults led by Fr. Mathias Thelen, co-founder of Encounter Ministries. The LJHR also includes talks by members of the Renewal Ministries team including Peter Herbeck and Mass celebrated by Archbishop Francis Leo. Join the largest Catholic Rally in Ontario on Saturday, March 2, 2024 9:00 am to 5:30 pm at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre (North building). For tickets and more information, visit <https://www.ljhr.ca/> (Adult \$30, Youth \$15).

Schedule for the week of February 17-18, 2024

| | Lectors | Eucharistic Ministers | Ushers |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Saturday 17 Feb. 5:15 p.m. | Sr.L.Kearney M. MacVicar | J. Kane D. Lomboy | I. Stewart D. Mazzolin R. Lachance S. Harrigan |
| Sunday 18 Feb. 9:00 a.m. | M. Tudin J. Watts | M. Marcial P. Croxford | I. Stewart F. Cuvelier M-L.Stevenson M. Turkington |
| Sunday 18 Feb. 11:00a.m. | R. McLaren T. Asuncion | S.Broekhoven | J. McLaren F. Asuncion L. Garrett I. MacKenzie |
| Junior Liturgy: No Junior Liturgy | | | |

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